As a citizen of the United States, I want to object to the proposed relaxing of radio

and TV ownership rules. Deregulation of radio has not worked. My local radio selection is abysmal and much of it's due to Clear Channel and VerStandig owning most of the local stations. The only stations with any local flavor left are two

listener supported stations. The stations owned by Clear Channel and the like play

the same music over and over.

Here some anecdotal evidence, too. On the morning of September 11th, I was living in New Orleans. If I had not tuned into the local NPR station, I would have

had no idea of the tragedy occuring. The stations controlled by the national companies were not covering the breaking new.

The airwaves belong to the American people. They belong to the public. This a very powerful idea. In principle, allowing several to own what belongs to the many

is wrong.

Sincerely, Joshua harvey